

Application No. 10/517,290
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REMARKS

Claims 10-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particular point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claims 10-14 have been amended in good-faith to satisfy such objections. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,357,968 to Dwyer et al. ("Dwyer") in view of JP 2001-200236A. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application and without admitting propriety of these rejections, applicant wishes to accept the allowed claims 2 and 7 without prejudice to represent the original rejected claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended incorporate the subject matter recited in allowed claim 2, thereby placing independent claim 1 and all of its dependent claims 3-14 in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. KIT 377-US (10415624) from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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